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SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON THE RHODESIAN  
SITUATION

1. IN JANUARY 28 AIRPORT INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL JOURNALISTS  
BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEET-  
ING IN LUSAKA, MOZAMBIQUE FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO  
SAID THAT "GREAT BRITAIN MUST CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE  
TRUE NATIONALIST REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE MEANS "THAT  
WILL LEAD TO THE REMOVAL OF IAN SMITH. IF GREAT BRITAIN IS  
TRUTHFUL WHEN IT SAYS THAT IT IS ON THE SIDE OF THE  
NATIONALISTS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SMITH, IT MUST BE FIRM  
AND NOT END THE TALKS BECAUSE OF SMITH'S REJECTION".

2. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT BRITISH FOREIGN  
SECRETARY CROSLAND'S STATEMENT THAT SMITH'S REJECTION OF  
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THE NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS WILL "OPEN THE DOORS TO REVOLU-  
TION IN RHODESIA", CHISSANO REPLIED THAT CROSLAND'S  
STATEMENT DEMONSTRATED THAT "THE SOLE PREOCCUPATION OF ENGLAND  
AND THE USA WAS TO IMPEDE THE TAKING OF POWER (IN ZIMBABWE)  
BY THE PEOPLE." "THESE COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION  
TO THE PROBLEM IN WHICH AFRICANS WILL HAVE POWER, BUT  
"WITHOUT BRINGING ABOUT RADICAL CHANGES" OR "WITHOUT THE WILL

OF THE PEOPLE BEING FULFILLED."

3. CONCERNING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, CHISSANO SAID THE "PATRIOTIC FRONT IS ACTUALLY THE POLITICAL EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLES ARMY OF ZIMBABWE (ZIPA), WHICH WAS COMPOSED OF NKOMO'S WING OF THE ANC AND OF MILITARY WING OF ZANU. CHISSANO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE UNITY ACHIEVED THUS FAR BY TWO GROUPS AND SAID "THIS UNITY WAS INTENSIFIED AT A RECENT MEETING IN WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE FRACTIONS INVOLVED IN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PARTICIPATED." CHISSANO ADDED THAT AT THAT MEETING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE TWO GROUPS DECIDED TO GO BEFORE THE AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE AS A UNITED BODY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION FIGHTING FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE.

4. COMMENT: AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, CHISSANO'S REMARKS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION ARE THE FIRST PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS BY ANY SENIOR GPRM OFFICIAL SINCE FRONT-LINE SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT.  
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